RECEIVED7136515246 CENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 1 6 2006

F-347

PTO/SB/22 (07-06)

Approved for use through 09/30/2006, OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless if displays a valid OMB control number.

| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2005 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).) | | | | Docket Number (Optional) HO-P02191US0 | |
|---|---|---|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Application Number 09/674,457-Conf. #8539 | | | | Filed | May 7, 1999 |
| For MICROFLUIDIC DEVICE | | | | | |
| Art Unit 1743 | | | | Examiner | D. K. Handy |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.138(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. | | | | | |
| The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below): | | | | | |
| [x | One month | (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | <u>Fee</u> \$120 | Small Entity Fee \$60 | <u>\$</u> \$ 120.00 |
| | J 1 | s (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$450 | \$225 | \$ |
| - | { | ths (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020 | \$510 | \$ |
| | ! } | is (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$ 1590 | \$795 | \$ |
| <u> </u> | Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2180 | | | \$1080 | \$ |
| Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 08-2375 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. I am the applicant/inventor. assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. | | | | | |
| Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). attorney or agent of record. Registration Number | | | | | |
| (| X E | ittorney or agent under 37 C Registration number if acting i | | 45,872 | · |
| Signature | | | | August 16, 2006 Date | |
| Melissa W. Acosta | | | | (713) 651-5407 | |
| Typed or printed name | | | | Telephone Number | |
| than one s | gnatures of all the ignature is require ocal of | inventors or assignees of record of the d, see below. 1 forms are subm | | sseniative(s) are required. | Submit multiple forms if more |

99674457 99899937 962375 08/17/2006 MBINAS 120.00 DA 01 FC:1251